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INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

Dear Sir:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone interview with Applicant's counsel on May 16, 2008. With reference to Fig. 8 of the patent application, Mr. Asher explained the claim phrase "traversing substrings of the natural language input in an order determined by the weights assigned to the breakpoints." This claim element is found in claims 1, 14 and 15. The Shapiro patent was discussed in that Shapiro is a search engine for conducting searches. Words in a search query are ordered according to importance, determined by the frequency of use of the word in the database. Such use of weighting to conduct a search has absolutely no relation to Applicant's invention for segmenting compound words in an unrestricted natural language input. Carus '268, on the other hand, does perform the task of identifying linkable components. Due to the vastly different tasks being performed by Carus '268 and Shapiro, there is no basis for applying methods used by Shapiro in the Carus analysis.

Applicant's response to the office action filed April 10, 2008 is before the Patent Examiner and Applicant submits that in view of a better understanding of the invention, the patentability of pending claims 1, 2, 14 and 15 should be recognized by a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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